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ISTANBUL FOR RSO/NCOIC MSG DET: ANKARA FOR RSO:
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SUBJECT: CRITICAL MSG SHORTAGE, ISTANBUL

REF C A. ISTANBUL 3474 (DTG 071330Z SEP 76)

B. FRANKFURT 0699 (DTG 041203Z SE 76)

C. MSG BN 031123Z SEP 76)

D. FRANKFURT 4404 (DTG 111013Z JUN 76)

E. FRANKFURT 4487 (DTG 151138Z JUN 76)

1. REF A DESCRIBED NCOIC MSG DET ISTANBUL ACTIONS IN
ARRANGING FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF SGT D.W. WATKINS TO PPSU
BUENOS AIRES IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE DEPARTMENT/MARINE
CORPS REQUIREMENTS-AS DIRECTED BY REFS B AND C, NCOIC
WAS TASKED TO ENSURE ARRIVAL OF SGT WATKINS IN BUENOS
AIRES BY 7 SEPT. REF A FURTHER DESCRIBED NCOIC'S
DECISION TO PLACE SGT WATKINS ON SPECIAL PAA FLIGHT
WITH GUARANTEED SEAT BY PAA. UNDERSTAND THAT NCOIC
HAD SHORT NOTICE OF AVAILABLE FLIGHT AND TOOK ADVANTAGE
OF IT BEFORE CONSUL GENERAL COULD BE BRIEFED. FURTHER
THAT NCOIC'S DECISION WAS PARTIALLY MADE BECAUSE OF
EMOTIONAL STATE OF SGT WATKINS: NCOIC FELT AHT
WATKINS, WHO HAD BEEN DENIED EARLY RELIEF FOR MARRIAGE
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DAY BEFORE, WAS UNDER EXTREME EMOTIONAL STRAIN AND IF

HE REMAINED IN ISTANBUL ON STANDBY BASIS MAY HAVE TAKEN UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE AND THEN BEEN SUBJECT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION. FURTHER IN STANDBY STATUS THERE IS A POSSIBILITY WATKINS MAY NOT HAVE ARRIVED IN BA ON TIME AS REQUIRED BY REFS B AND C.

2. I UNDERSTAND WATKINS ARR BUENOS AIRES ON TIME FURTHER I AM FULLY AWARE OF SGT WATKINS PERSONAL PROBLEMS HAVING READ AND ENIED SGT WATKINS REQUEST FOR EARLY MARRIAGE WHICH DID NOT MEET THE CRITERIA AS SPECIFIED BY CURRENT STATE/USMC POLICY.

3. FOR NCOIC ISTANBUL. YOU ARE COMMENDED FOR YOUR JUDGEMENT CALL AND LEADERSHIP ACTION IN EXPEDITING WATKINS DEPARTURE IAW REFS B AND C.

4. FOR RSO AMCONGEN ISTANBUL. I AM SURE WE WOULD BOTH AGREE THAT GYSGT RIDER'S QUICK THINKING, LEADERSHIP, AND ABILITY TO MAKE SOUND QUICK DECISIONS CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO MAXIMUM OPERATIONAL SY READINESS AT AMCONGEN ISTANBUL AND DEMONSTRATED HOW HE CAN COMMAND HIS MARINES IN SY CRISES SITUATIONS. AS PREVIOUSLY STATED REF B REGRET THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE. REFS B AND C AND RELATED MESSAGES PROVIDED FULL BACKGROUND. REF D PROVIDED DETAILED INFO ON WORLDWIDE CRITICAL SHORTFALL OF MARINE SECURITY GUARDS. REF E PROVIDED FURTHER INFO ON CRITICAL SHORTFALL, PROVIDED CRITICAL SHORTFALL REQPORT FORMAT AND DEISCUSSED USE OF TAD MARINES. WE STAND READY TO SUPPORT YOU TO THE MANIMUM IN ALL MATTERS INCLUDING TAD MARINES UPON RECEIPT OF AUTHORIZATION FOR TAD SUPPORT AND APPROPRIATION DATA FROM SECSTATE.

5. CO CO "A", LT COL LAYER SENDS.

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